

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chairman Kendall Van Dyk, on January 27, 2009 at 2:59 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kendall Van Dyk, Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Ken Peterson (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Dave McAlpin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Staff Present: Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 166; HB 186

Executive Action: HB 186

HEARING ON HB 186

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:19 Rep. Ron Stoker (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 186, Allow residents over 62 to take cow elk without a license.

00:02:08 Rep. Pomnichowski arrived.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: None

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 186

00:02:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 186 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. O'Hara and Rep. Peterson voting aye by proxy.

HEARING ON HB 166

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:26 Rep. Mike Menahan (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 166, Increase DOJ prosecutor for fish and game law violations to full-time attorney.

00:04:54 Rep. McAlpin arrived.

00:07:40 Rep. O'Hara arrived.

00:08:08 Rep. Peterson arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:28 Barbara Harris, Chief, Prosecution Services Bureau,
Department of Justice

[EXHIBIT\(fih19a01\)](#)

00:14:04 Jim Kropp, Chief, Enforcement Division, Department of
Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fih19a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:43 Rep. Washburn
00:18:12 Ms. Harris
00:19:28 Rep. Washburn
00:19:38 Ms. Harris
00:20:15 Rep. Peterson
00:21:06 Mr. Kropp
00:21:34 Rep. Peterson
00:21:45 Mr. Kropp
00:21:53 Rep. Peterson
00:22:09 Mr. Kropp
00:22:22 Rep. Peterson
00:22:46 Mr. Kropp
00:23:15 Rep. Peterson
00:23:41 Mr. Kropp
00:24:28 Rep. Beck
00:25:02 Mr. Kropp
00:25:22 Rep. Beck
00:25:32 Mr. Kropp
00:26:31 Rep. Boniek
00:26:52 Mr. Kropp
00:27:24 Chairman Van Dyk
00:28:25 Mr. Kropp
00:29:39 Chairman Van Dyk
00:30:13 Mr. Kropp

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:28 Rep. Menahan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:32 P.M.

Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

David Ewer, Office of the Governor

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